IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
	Lynn Y. Shimada	
Serial No.:	09/345,820	Art Unit 3694
Filed:	June 30, 1999	3094
For:	METHOD AND SOFTWARE ARTICLE FOR SELECTING ELECTRONIC PAYMNET OF VENDORS IN AN AUTOMATED PAYMENT ENVIRONMENT	
Examiner:	Ella Colbert)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office December 8, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of the amended portions of the specification begins on page 5.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 8.

Applicant's summary of the November 27, 2006 interview with the Examiner begins on page 13.

Remarks begin on page 15.